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SECOND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the Response filed on January 12, 2001, I may recall that during the interview with the Examiner on January 9, 2001, a rejection arose Under 35 USC §103(a) based on Staub et al. (1992 and 1993) combined with primary prior art, Cannon et al. and Zoubenko et al.

Staub et al. was discussed in the January 12, 2001 Response. The spacer 2 region was either not involved in the homologous combination or alternatively, was unstable in the transformed plants.

Cannon et al. and Zoubenko et al. were discussed in the October 30, 2000 Amendment and Argument. One essential feature of the Cannon vector is that vector integrates in a transcriptionally silent region of the chloroplast genome. Likewise, Zoubenko emphasizes that the spacer region should have no read-through transcription region (transcriptionally silent spacer region) like Zounbenko.

There is no suggestion or motivation to combine these references. The application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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